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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please cancel all claims and substitute therefore new claims 43 – 68.

The new claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Comments

The new claims 43-68 are the allowed claims set forth in the office action of 24 February 2004, and the method claims which Applicant respectfully requests be re-joined with the compound claims. Original claim 36, now 66, has been modified in that the phrase “or animal” has been deleted. The original numbers and the corresponding new claim numbers are shown in the Table on page 2.